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The 1987 Consumer Price Index Revision

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the best known measure of inflation. It is one of the most closely watched economic measures because all of us are consumers, and movements in prices affect us directly. Furthermore, many government benefits, many wage agreements, and some real estate contracts are adjusted when the CPI shifts. Few other economic measures have the social and political importance of the CPI.

The CPI is maintained by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). BLS began in the 1930s trying to measure price changes of a fixed market basket of goods and services of constant quality and quantity purchased for consumption. Revisions to the market basket have been necessary through the years for several reasons.

Changes in relative prices. Consumer demand for items is affected by national and global economic patterns. For example, energy consumption was affected sharply during the OPEC oil crisis of several years ago. Since then prices have declined but they never have and never will return to the low levels of the early 1970s. Prices for gasoline, motor oil, electricity, natural gas, fuel oil, bottled gas, and coal will continue to cost more than they used to relative to other goods and services.

Changes in real income. Another factor which can influence consumers' patterns is changing real income. If prices paid by consumers and their money income were to increase at the same rate, consumers' real income would remain unchanged. But our world is more volatile than that. An example is a married woman with small children who enters the labor force. The family's income rises, but the family's spending patterns probably also change. The family incurs additional expenses for transportation, baby-sitting or day care and perhaps the working mother's wardrobe.

Over the past decade the average size of families and households has become smaller. Economists have noted a decline in average money income in constant dollars between 1972 and 1981 for households and families, but a real money increase per person over the same period.

Changes in demographic patterns. Population changes occur not only for the composition of families (generally smaller) and households (generally smaller) but also for the population as a whole (generally older). Moreover, consumption patterns are changing because of regional shifts in population. The South and West are growing faster than the rest of the nation. The revised CPI will show the greater influence of the Sunbelt in consumer spending and will note the changing household and family differences the nation is experiencing.

Changes in tastes. A more subtle phenomenon which contributes to changes in the relative importance of items in the CPI market basket is that tastes of consumers change. For example, health and physical fitness are more important now to Americans than in times past. People are spending money for sports clothing and equipment fees for recreational and fitness facilities, fresh vegetables and health foods. These changes seem not to be mere fads, but genuine changes in living styles. The CPI market basket needs to include these kinds of goods and services with greater emphasis.

Changes in technology. Technological advances have made cars more fuel efficient, have made home computers affordable, and have introduced home video equipment. Over time, the number of products available and the marketing strategies to promote them have made changes in people's purchasing decisions. The present CPI does not adequately reflect these changes, and the impending revision will correct that.

The Revision Process. The BLS made CPI revisions in 1940, 1956, 1964, and 1978. The 1940 revision introduced the concept of sample cities and items and the principle of imputation. The 1953 revision took three years to implement and was primarily a clerical operation. The 1964 revision included a much greater scope of geography and used a computer for the first time. The 1978 revision took longer than the previous revisions because it included the introduction of new approaches to the collection of consumer expenditures and a number of complex improvements and innovations in pricing for the CPI. The 1987 revision will take advantage of the latest in computer applications, statistical sampling techniques and the accumulated experience from previous revisions.

What may the lay person expect? The CPI relates to the expenditures of the civilian, noninstitutional, urban population of the United States. The urban population is defined as persons who live in Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Alabama has eight MSA's encompassing 20 counties. The expenditures of persons in rural areas is not considered by the CPI. Whereas 81 percent of the U.S. population is urban, only 62 percent of Alabama's population is urban.

Even as it is measuring urban expenditures, BLS does not include every MSA in its calculations. Some, such as New York, Los Angeles, Chicago or Philadelphia, are never omitted. The rest of the country is divided into sampling units. Within these units some cities are included and some are not. The 1987 revision will show more sophistication in geographic sampling than previous revisions.

Currently BLS publishes several versions of the CPI. The CPI-U (All Urban Consumers) is based on expenditures reported by all consumer units in urban areas of the United States. The CPI-W (Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) is based on consumer units who meet requirements related to their employment. The CPI-U covers a much larger group and is used more frequently to discern the effects of changing prices.

BLS publishes these two different calculations for the entire United States and for four regions - the Northeast, North Central, South, and West. There is no CPI for Alabama, or any other state. There is no CPI for any city in Alabama. Miami and Atlanta are the only two cities in the South for which separate calculations are made. Starting in 1987 the frequency of publication for the Atlanta indexes will be changed from bimonthly to semiannual. Because they are based on smaller samples, the indexes for the South and for Atlanta are subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement errors than the national indexes. BLS strongly urges users to consider the use of the national indexes in escalator agreements.

The CPI is not a perfect tool for judging price changes. National and regional conditions are never exactly the same as local conditions. There are other ways to look at the question of inflation, but no agency measures the price changes within Alabama alone. Because the CPI is published regularly, has a long history, and is reputable, it is the most popular indicator.

The information for this essay was taken from an article in *Monthly Labor Review*, April 1985, by John L. Marcoot titled "Revision of Consumer Price Index is Now Under Way." Mr. Marcoot is the manager of the CPI Revision Program at the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Additional information came from an essay in the March 1982 issue of *Economic Leaflets* from the College of Business Administration of the University of Florida. That essay was by Hank Fishkind and titled "The Consumer Price Index." Releases from the Bureau of Labor Statistics provided still later information.

—Annette Jones Watters

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984	1985											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (1,000 net tons)	23,071	28,068	2,201	1,916	1,931	2,288	2,189	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,936	1,795
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	126,576	137,180	13,079	12,825	11,617	12,608	11,845	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146	9,848	.....
Cotton consumption (1,000 bales)	360,820	338,597	25,200	25,162	25,680	28,182	28,952	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,634	32,545	29,610	26,444
Crude oil and condensate production (1,000 barrels)	18,708	19,807	1,763	1,761	1,634	1,862	1,761	1,886	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,820	1,680	.....
Electric energy consumption industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	21,029	24,250	1,971	1,912	1,960	1,892	1,931	1,929	2,062	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967	1,832
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,166	6,514	496	533	509	578	496	550	542	519	499	492	547	518	511
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined ($1,000)	2,763,700	3,025,500	168,400	244,900	243,700	234,700	265,000	250,300	230,600	220,200	258,900	234,300	180,000	256,000	241,700
Residential	1,286,500	1,232,400	50,900	83,600	83,900	106,900	120,400	136,900	106,900	111,000	113,400	86,200	88,800	88,800	69,300
Nonresidential	1,025,800	900,000	89,500	115,400	133,100	35,000	97,400	74,100	81,900	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400	82,600	136,000
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,100	27,900	49,700	26,900	92,800	47,100	39,400	41,800	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300	84,700	35,900
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,086	1,197	83	64	70	111	125	125	116	120	132	122	121	116	85
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations* ($1,000,000)	5,263	5,887	5,887	5,961	6,013	6,119	6,156	6,139	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484	6,495	6,529
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,299,165	2,637,841	188,999	234,054	208,140	263,264	254,000	270,096	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465	221,043	206,174
Franchise	52,214	64,476	292	743	1,415	31,254	7,315	3,700	3,888	10,821	587	5,384	3,204	1,372	355
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,090	16,942	17,146	16,883	14,472	16,799	17,339	17,975	18,671	17,838	17,930	16,144	17,282	16,159
Income	815,838	1,009,832	76,726	65,174	49,628	113,517	93,180	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	130,169	53,952	93,152	82,917
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	4,479	3,572	4,033	3,943	3,682	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,938	4,657	4,995	5,636	5,101
Oil gas privilege	69,645	70,183	6,159	5,629	5,147	7,796	5,357	4,641	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,425	4,421	5,083
Oil gas production	17,290	17,351	1,649	1,504	1,537	2,173	1,433	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479	1,199	1,384
Sales	609,132	704,299	52,785	74,362	50,479	55,423	61,057	61,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790	58,305	60,852
2.2% Gross receipts	86,185	14,765		13,643			13,200	448	12	13,639	23		13,922	84	
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346		3,719	3,719
Tobacco	68,975	70,022	5,313	6,299	5,872	6,567	5,535	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098	5,961	6,104
Use	66,519	75,723	931	14,440	682	350	17,014	344	823	17,939	624	724	18,143	1,476	606
Utility	152,287	153,261	13,322	16,354	12,754	14,381	10,308	12,240	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,722	13,259	12,197
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All items	298.4	311.1	315.5	316.1	317.8	318.5	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4
Percent Change	3.5	4.3	.1	.2	.5	.2	.5	.4	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	.2
Food	291.7	302.9	305.1	307.3	309.1	309.7	309.6	308.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8	311.0	313.2
Housing	321.1	336.1	341.2	342.0	343.6	344.7	345.9	346.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4	355.0	355.8
Fuel and utilities	320.6	347.3	346.0	347.2	346.5	346.2	348.7	351.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	398.6	392.1	393.3
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	203.2	199.8	201.4	205.3	205.9	206.3	204.9	202.6	205.3	209.6	211.1	211.2	209.0
Transportation	294.4	311.7	315.9	314.7	314.3	314.7	320.0	321.8	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9	323.2	324.0
Medical care	357.3	379.6	388.9	391.7	393.8	396.5	398.0	399.1	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7
Energy	419.3	422.6	415.9	414.1	411.4	410.6	424.4	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1	425.1	.....
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	309.8	309.5	309.1	308.6	309.3	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.2	305.8	308.0	309.7	310.2
Industrial commodities	311.1	320.6	323.0	322.9	322.8	322.5	323.6	325.3	324.8	324.3	323.6	322.5	324.4	325.0	325.2
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	335	321	317	316	315	314	312	311	310	310	309	308	307	306	305
Wholesale prices	330	322	323	323	324	324	323	323	323	324	326	327	325	323	322
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,797.0	1,794.7	1,796.2	1,797.6	1,808.3	1,802.0	1,799.6	1,802.7	1,791.7	1,786.9	1,807.3	1,808.0	1,801.0
Unemployment	245.0	260.0	208.0	203.1	196.4	193.1	184.8	167.4	166.0	168.3	149.0	144.5	142.6	142.1	144.4
Unemployment rate	13.9	14.5	11.6	11.4	11.0	10.7	10.1	9.7	9.2	9.3	8.3	8.1	7.9	7.9	8.0
Employment	1,513.0	1,534.0	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3	1,604.5	1,623.5	1,634.6	1,633.6	1,634.4	1,642.7	1,642.4	1,664.7	1,665.9	1,656.6
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,353.6	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.5	1,382.4	1,399.6	1,400.8	1,398.0	1,402.6	1,396.4	1,394.9	1,405.6	1,409.8	1,410.7
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	349.0	352.1	352.6	344.2	352.2	351.7	353.8	348.9	350.6	349.0	348.3	348.0	346.7
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	173.6	172.9	173.6	173.6	174.6	175.0	175.6	173.1	173.1	172.1	171.9	171.9	171.6
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	29.4	28.8	29.4	29.1	29.1	29.3	29.5	29.2	29.2	28.1	27.8	27.6	27.6
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.6	8.2	8.6	8.4	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0	8.9	9.1
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	26.3	26.4	26.2	26.1	26.2	26.3	26.2	25.7	25.9	25.6	25.8	25.3	25.4
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.4
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.3
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.3	23.4	23.1	23.2	22.8	23.2	23.3	23.1	22.8	22.4
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.5	18.4	18.5	18.7	18.7	18.4	18.6	18.4	18.6	18.7
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	23.6	22.9	23.1	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.6	22.1	21.9	22.1	22.3	22.3	22.3
Transportation	21.7	25.3	25.7	25.5	26.0	25.8	26.5	27.0	27.1	27.4	27.3	27.6	27.5	28.0	27.8
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	20.2	18.9	19.0	19.1	19.1	19.2	19.1	18.0	18.0	17.4	18.0	18.4	18.3
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	175.4	179.3	178.8	170.6	177.6	176.7	178.2	175.8	177.5	176.9	176.4	176.1	175.1
Food	27.0	28.0	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.8	28.9	29.4	29.7	29.4	29.4	29.6	29.9	29.9
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	36.9	36.8	35.9	35.3	36.3	36.1	36.5	35.7	36.1	36.6	36.4	36.5	36.4
Apparel	54.9	55.0	47.2	50.7	51.2	43.7	48.9	49.0	49.9	48.4	50.0	49.1	48.5	47.8	46.9
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.1	21.4	21.2	21.3	21.8	21.3	21.3	21.1	21.2	20.8	20.9	20.9	20.8
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.6	11.7
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.4	11.4
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.0	16.3	16.2	16.1	15.9	15.9	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	87.9	1,025.1	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9	1,038.2	1,047.4	1,049.1	1,044.2	1,053.7	1,045.8	1,045.9	1,057.3	1,061.8	1,064.0
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	14.7	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.0	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.2	15.3	15.2	15.1	15.1
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.6
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	66.6	63.7	62.3	65.7	67.3	66.2	67.1	69.5	69.5	69.8	69.8	69.5	68.4
Trans., comm. and utilities	69.7	72.1	72.4	71.4	71.4	72.0	72.5	72.6	73.8	73.4	73.0	72.7	72.6	72.2	72.4
Trade	73.3	290.3	303.5	292.5	289.7	290.6	293.4	293.8	294.6	293.7	295.1	294.7	294.6	299.9	305.2
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	74.9	74.1	73.6	73.9	73.9	73.5	73.7	73.3	73.6	74.3	73.9	73.8	73.9
Retail	203.1	216.7	228.6	218.4	216.1	216.7	219.5	220.3	220.9	220.4	221.5	220.4	220.7	226.1	231.3
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	63.8	63.8	63.9	64.3	64.7	65.1	65.7	66.3	66.6	66.4	66.4	66.4	67.0
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	228.7	228.6	230.0	230.8	232.3	233.1	232.6	233.7	233.0	234.6	236.3	235.1	235.0
Government	292.7	293.8	295.8	296.2	299.6	299.9	302.2	303.1	295.1	301.7	293.4	292.7	302.4	303.6	300.9
Federal	65.3	64.8	65.5	65.5	65.7	66.1	66.2	66.4	67.2	66.8	66.1	64.9	64.4	64.1	64.2
State and local	227.3	229.1	230.3	230.7	233.9	233.8	236.0	236.7	227.9	234.9	227.3	227.8	238.0	239.5	236.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984	1985											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service (number)															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	13,391	21,285	16,261	18,276	17,001	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	20,083	21,372	16,976	14,252
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	4,876	5,229	4,821	6,204	6,961	7,951	6,768	18,232	10,137	8,656	8,125	6,365	5,359
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims (number)	428,181	435,832	41,032	74,659	34,635	32,416	29,881	29,414	23,918	46,997	28,338	24,075	29,599	26,116	40,641
Payments ($1,000)	191,868	172,593	16,158	21,274	16,520	15,977	13,782	14,095	11,623	15,248	13,254	11,401	13,545	12,042	14,151
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)															
Autauga	15,690	15,670	15,920	15,910	15,880	15,910	16,000	16,150	15,880	15,900	15,910	15,870	16,200	16,160	15,920
	14.2	9.6	10.5	10.1	9.5	9.1	8.5	9.0	8.0	8.2	7.7	8.5	8.6	8.1	6.6
Baldwin	34,220	35,520	37,380	35,560	35,830	37,520	36,270	35,530	35,770	35,870	35,160	35,060	35,390	36,040	36,050
	12.1	10.8	14.7	14.9	10.1	12.8	8.7	7.1	7.5	7.2	6.6	7.3	6.8	7.6	6.1
Barbour	11,990	12,220	12,200	11,930	11,950	12,450	12,190	12,280	12,090	12,210	12,140	12,320	12,480	12,360	12,110
	13.1	10.1	12.4	13.2	12.3	16.2	10.1	11.0	10.5	10.8	9.2	9.4	8.7	8.3	7.8
Bibb	5,960	6,240	6,210	6,210	6,190	6,150	6,170	6,280	6,030	6,230	6,310	6,080	6,120	6,130	6,140
	19.5	16.6	19.9	19.9	16.8	12.9	11.7	10.9	10.3	13.3	15.5	14.4	12.5	13.4	14.3
Blount	16,260	16,760	16,990	17,070	16,920	16,570	16,640	16,720	16,450	16,500	16,280	16,350	16,480	16,620	16,640
	15.0	11.0	11.8	12.3	9.8	8.5	7.4	8.1	7.1	6.7	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.9	5.7
Bullock	4,600	4,520	4,500	4,330	4,350	4,310	4,490	4,640	4,630	4,570	4,570	4,670	4,750	4,630	4,450
	17.2	14.5	17.6	16.8	15.4	13.2	12.6	14.9	13.5	15.6	14.0	11.7	11.6	12.5	14.7
Butler	9,790	9,800	9,850	9,560	9,540	9,690	9,550	9,610	9,700	9,610	9,530	9,590	9,780	9,530	9,390
	17.4	15.8	13.1	13.1	13.9	16.1	11.6	11.7	13.9	12.7	10.1	9.7	14.7	10.4	9.7
Calhoun	46,220	47,500	48,020	47,960	48,150	47,830	47,900	47,910	48,230	48,350	48,220	47,730	48,070	48,220	48,160
	13.1	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.2	10.9	9.3	10.2	10.4	10.0	8.7	7.9	7.9	7.6	7.7
Chambers	16,750	16,590	16,980	16,050	16,340	16,240	16,570	16,160	16,340	16,380	16,180	16,420	16,250	16,250	16,190
	8.6	9.3	8.4	9.2	11.6	11.4	9.6	9.1	10.7	11.1	9.0	8.2	7.6	7.5	7.7
Cherokee	11,500	11,670	11,080	11,000	11,090	11,010	11,190	11,300	11,020	11,000	10,900	11,040	11,150	10,900	10,400
	13.2	14.1	15.5	16.7	16.6	17.1	12.6	11.2	10.4	9.9	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.3	9.8
Chilton	15,530	16,180	15,520	15,840	15,780	15,730	16,040	15,900	15,810	15,560	15,810	15,870	15,950	15,780	15,560
	13.1	11.3	12.6	14.4	13.1	12.2	11.4	9.7	9.2	9.0	8.5	8.1	8.7	9.1	9.3
Choctaw	5,510	5,790	5,440	5,790	5,870	6,080	5,880	5,940	5,840	5,790	5,690	5,840	5,890	5,940	5,900
	19.1	16.3	22.4	16.7	16.2	21.2	13.8	14.4	13.1	17.9	14.6	13.4	10.1	11.8	11.2
Clarke	16,750	16,810	16,700	16,420	16,580	16,570	16,240	16,130	16,320	16,360	16,940	16,890	16,120	16,010	16,060
	11.2	11.3	13.1	11.5	12.8	14.5	9.9	9.0	10.7	11.1	8.2	8.3	9.8	9.7	10.9
Clay	8,360	7,580	7,790	7,530	7,560	7,600	7,570	7,600	7,470	7,450	7,490	7,470	7,580	7,560	7,550
	14.0	10.9	12.5	15.0	13.6	13.9	9.8	11.3	13.1	12.3	9.1	9.0	8.1	7.0	6.7
Cleburne	5,180	5,250	5,410	5,340	5,360	5,440	5,530	5,440	5,330	5,410	5,210	5,150	5,320	5,260	5,270
	12.5	9.5	9.5	11.6	12.7	15.6	12.1	9.4	8.9	13.1	6.7	7.2	8.1	6.7	7.4
Coffee	19,830	20,210	19,990	19,730	19,930	20,140	20,270	20,140	19,880	19,950	19,990	19,680	20,270	20,020	19,650
	10.9	8.4	8.7	7.5	7.3	8.2	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.3	5.5	5.3	6.1	6.4	6.2
Colbert	23,750	23,940	23,890	23,760	24,250	23,940	24,030	23,790	23,540	23,150	23,290	23,240	23,140	23,060	22,990
	16.1	16.4	16.6	16.9	18.0	16.3	14.6	14.4	14.0	13.4	12.5	12.1	11.5	11.6	11.5
Conecuh	7,670	7,750	7,650	7,280	7,290	7,580	7,440	7,310	7,230	7,220	7,300	7,180	7,320	7,230	7,170
	12.1	11.8	15.3	11.2	11.5	13.9	9.6	9.4	8.9	9.3	8.8	8.5	9.0	8.7	9.0
Coosa	5,580	5,600	5,690	5,630	5,670	5,820	5,770	5,650	5,640	5,600	5,600	5,640	5,660	5,660	5,640
	9.0	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4	8.1	5.5	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.2	4.9	4.5
Covington	16,370	16,370	16,360	17,060	16,640	16,440	16,380	16,560	16,120	15,960	15,900	15,740	15,990	15,960	15,690
	13.4	9.9	11.4	12.5	11.5	10.1	11.8	10.6	9.6	8.2	7.1	7.1	7.1	8.4	8.2
Crenshaw	7,160	7,460	7,440	7,360	7,360	7,530	7,490	7,530	7,510	7,440	7,360	7,360	7,360	7,360	7,010
	13.1	11.3	12.9	13.1	12.5	11.9	9.8	9.1	9.1	8.1	7.6	7.2	6.5	7.3	7.5
Cullman	38,750	39,050	39,810	39,750	39,690	39,500	39,570	39,570	39,190	39,290	39,590	39,770	39,410	39,490	39,460
	10.1	9.1	9.5	11.1	8.1	8.1	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.8	5.4	5.2	6.0	6.1	5.3
Dale	23,050	23,790	23,830	23,630	23,810	23,630	23,800	23,810	23,720	23,620	23,100	23,090	23,320	23,230	22,990
	9.1	7.1	8.1	8.1	7.1	7.1	6.6	6.1	6.2	7.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.9
Dallas	21,170	21,170	21,160	21,050	21,050	20,960	21,130	21,130	21,130	23,570	22,940	20,870	23,220	23,030	22,530
	15.1	13.1	14.2	14.2	12.8	13.1	11.3	11.3	14.3	17.6	13.4	13.2	15.2	13.8	14.6
DeKalb	30,530	30,530	30,530	30,460	30,460	30,460	30,540	30,540	30,300	31,210	31,360	30,870	31,360	30,650	30,540
	10.8	9.8	9.4	12.3	12.3	12.3	10.4	10.4	10.6	9.2	8.0	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.9
Elmore	20,600	20,910	20,910	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,090	20,940	20,940	21,280	21,560	21,550
	12.1	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.1	5.8	6.8	6.8
Escambia	17,440	16,710	16,960	16,910	16,910	16,910	16,910	16,910	16,910	17,060	17,060	17,060	17,340	17,760	17,940
	13.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.1	9.3
Etowah	42,290	42,610	43,070	42,210	41,870	41,960	41,990	41,990	41,790	42,130	41,930	41,590	41,960	41,430	41,410
	12.4	13.0	14.7	14.3	14.0	13.0	12.2	9.2	10.6	10.7	9.1	9.7	9.4	9.8	9.8
Fayette	10,190	10,440	10,440	10,510	10,500	10,620	10,640	10,480	10,250	10,060	10,110	10,220	10,480	10,330	10,150
	13.1	9.7	9.7	14.6	13.7	17.4	12.8	10.9	10.1	11.3	10.6	10.0	10.8	10.1	10.4
Franklin	13,710	13,830	14,190	14,420	14,580	14,280	14,290	14,300	14,110	14,310	14,140	14,110	14,100	14,240	14,100
	15.2	16.8	18.9	20.5	20.2	15.3	13.8	13.3	13.8	14.5	13.2	13.4	12.4	13.6	13.1
Geneva	11,360	11,740	11,590	11,620	11,980	12,260	12,010	11,960	11,660	11,480	11,630	11,810	12,150	11,880	11,680
	7.4	6.1	7.1	8.6	9.2	10.5	8.7	7.3	7.0	7.8	6.6	6.5	6.5	7.1	6.9
Greene	4,650	4,790	4,740	4,660	4,750	4,790	4,665	4,650	4,610	4,630	4,600	4,640	4,680	4,570	4,430
	16.6	17.1	20.6	28.2	29.9	21.6	16.1	15.1	16.4	15.8	13.7	12.7	11.8	11.1	10.9
Hale	5,340	5,480	5,460	5,290	5,320	5,340	5,340	5,440	5,260	5,340	5,280	5,300	5,460	5,390	5,200
	16.5	17.1	18.3	16.9	16.1	15.7	12.9	13.2	14.1	14.7	11.2	11.2	11.0	10.7	10.7
Henry	7,240	7,290	7,150	7,090	7,160	7,280	7,520	7,540	7,200	7,290	7,270	7,440	7,800	7,650	7,340
	11.2	9.4	10.2	13.4	13.2	14.3	11.2	9.6	9.2	9.3	8.9	8.9	9.1	9.7	9.5
Houston	35,660	36,540	36,620	36,730	36,830	36,940	37,250	37,200	37,400	37,290	37,310	37,080	37,550	37,590	37,120
	11.3	9.8	8.8	9.1	9.1	8.5	7.2	7.5	7.8	8.2	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.8	7.8
Jackson	20,680	19,790	19,840	19,240	19,350	19,520	19,730	19,430	19,130	19,080	19,060	19,120	19,230	19,180	18,890
	22.1	16.8	19.3	14.8	15.2	15.1	14.1	12.3	11.8	12.4	14.2	12.5	11.4	11.8	13.0
Jefferson	302,570	303,510	301,180	302,140	301,670	301,150	304,610	303,290	302,540	305,030	303,050	302,540	304,820	305,810	307,500
	13.1	9.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	7.6	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.0	6.7	6.4	6.2	6.4
Lamar	8,860	9,140	9,460	9,520	9,620	9,600	9,680	9,610	9,770	9,850	9,800	9,740	9,810	9,840	9,700
	9.7	7.3	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.6	7.3	6.7	7.4	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.1	7.7	6.3
Lauderdale	35,050	35,600	35,060	35,300	34,980	34,750	34,730	34,510	34,580	34,910	34,510	34,400	34,400	34,440	34,490
	16.6	14.8	13.8	15.1	13.8	12.5	10.6	10.5	11.3	12.9	10.5	10.0	9.7	10.2	10.5
Lawrence	14,040	13,450	13,010	13,230	13,220	13,000	13,200	13,190	13,140	13,110	13,140	13,040	13,290	13,070	12,890
	18.8	19.1	14.9	15.3	15.3	12.1	11.9	11.6	11.9	11.7	11.8	11.6	11.7	12.5	13.0
Lee	35,670	38,470	38,850	39,030	39,130	39,130	39,370	39,260	39,210	38,160	37,880	38,260	38,730	38,840	38,970
	6.4	6.5	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.0	6.4	6.4	7.1	6.5	5.9	5.6	6.7
Limestone	19,310	20,230	20,740	20,810	21,160	21,340	21,960	22,180	21,960	22,060	22,290	22,750	23,570	23,520	23,020
	14.1	10.8	10.4	10.8	11.4	9.5	7.9	8.6	8.8	9.6	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.8	8.0
Lowndes	5,190	5,090	5,070	4,990	4,920	4,960	5,030	5,040	4,990	5,250	5,180	5,000	5,070	4,930	4,850
	17.9	18.3	16.7	16.9	17.5	16.4	16.0	14.7	16.5	14.3	12.8	10.9	10.9	9.7	9.7
Macon	7,950	8,150	8,210	8,220	8,340	8,380	8,470	8,560	8,410	8,340	8,450	8,500	8,480	8,410	8,310
	13.6	11.1	9.4	10.3	10.2	9.3	8.8	9.6	11.9	11.1	10.8	10.6	9.8	9.8	9.6
Madison	109,350	117,780	120,830	122,530	121,450	121,250	122,770	122,590	123,540	123,080	124,130	123,450	125,140	125,960	125,400
	8.5	7.1	6.7	7.9	6.6	6.0	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.1
Marengo	9,800	9,720	9,930	9,530	9,520	9,830	9,520	9,560	9,480	9,590	9,450	9,330	9,410	9,400	9,350
	15.5	14.2	18.8	13.3	14.4	19.1	11.2	10.3	9.7	12.6	8.1	8.4	8.7	9.5	9.2
Marion	13,700	13,580	13,750	14,000	13,610	13,440	13,450	13,190	13,300	13,530	13,170	13,210	13,220	13,150	13,180
	19.4	14.9	19.6	21.6	17.9	17.2	16.4	14.2	13.9	15.7	12.2	14.9	15.4	13.9	14.1
Marshall	31,080	33,050	33,560	33,140	32,930	32,690	32,970	32,810	32,800	33,150	32,850	32,850	33,140	32,890	32,600
	14.4	12.6	17.9	14.3	12.3	10.5	9.1	8.7	8.9	11.4	8.1	8.0	7.5	7.6	8.1
Mobile	162,590	164,730	164,050	164,810	164,440	164,180	166,910	165,310	167,320	167,650	164,080	162,430	164,690	165,630	165,280
	15.9	12.6	11.6	11.7	11.0	10.4	9.8	9.2	10.1	9.8	9.0	9.1	8.9	8.5	8.8

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- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Consultant
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- ☐ Downtown Redevelopment
- ☐ Energy
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- ☐ Environmental
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	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT, CONT.															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate) continued															
Monroe	10,670	11,140	11,940	10,790	10,730	11,160	10,810	10,710	10,700	10,670	10,620	10,700	10,760	10,730	10,680
	12.6	16.2	31.2	13.9	12.8	29.3	17.6	10.5	11.4	10.6	8.9	8.8	8.8	9.8	10.6
Montgomery	92,990	96,610	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,080	97,620	98,180	98,620	97,790	97,670	96,330	97,840	98,160	98,330
	10.5	8.8	8.6	8.3	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.9	7.8	7.2	6.5	6.2	5.9	5.8	6.0
Morgan	37,910	38,870	38,300	38,560	38,550	38,350	38,890	38,660	39,060	39,000	38,580	37,990	38,650	38,730	38,730
	14.5	11.5	10.6	11.7	11.1	9.4	8.9	8.1	9.1	8.9	8.4	8.2	8.1	8.3	8.3
Perry	5,850	5,820	6,010	5,900	5,780	5,830	5,920	5,970	5,900	6,040	6,030	5,920	6,000	5,950	5,810
	14.8	13.3	21.2	18.8	17.9	17.7	10.6	10.3	10.9	11.6	11.6	10.1	9.5	12.7	16.2
Pickens	7,510	7,080	6,900	6,960	7,110	7,000	7,130	7,210	7,160	7,260	7,170	7,110	7,250	7,120	6,840
	18.0	15.9	16.8	17.0	18.4	15.8	15.4	16.1	16.7	16.8	14.4	13.4	13.1	12.8	12.6
Pike	43,680	13,560	13,060	13,770	43,620	14,000	14,310	14,490	13,750	13,630	13,730	14,110	14,790	14,550	13,480
	13.7	10.1	10.7	9.7	8.2	8.6	7.8	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.7	6.1	6.9
Randolph	9,060	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,630	8,670	8,730	8,700	8,430	8,740	8,460	8,490	8,930	8,960	8,830
	17.4	14.9	10.7	11.6	18.1	10.7	10.0	9.4	8.9	13.3	9.0	8.2	8.1	7.4	7.5
Russell	18,120	19,290	19,480	19,950	19,160	19,220	19,470	19,440	19,730	20,670	19,660	18,970	19,210	19,380	19,770
	13.7	12.9	12.3	14.7	12.4	12.1	11.8	11.8	13.0	17.5	13.4	10.7	10.8	11.1	12.2
St. Clair	19,240	19,400	19,910	20,100	20,030	19,750	19,460	19,200	19,130	19,120	18,940	19,050	19,260	19,280	19,310
	13.2	11.5	13.4	14.3	13.6	11.7	8.9	7.9	8.0	7.3	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.5
Shelby	31,390	31,910	31,650	31,640	31,630	32,100	32,280	32,010	31,850	32,100	31,790	31,570	31,710	31,940	32,050
	10.1	10.3	9.2	9.1	9.4	9.5	8.4	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.3	6.4	5.9	6.0	6.0
Sumter	8,420	7,250	7,220	7,160	7,060	7,020	7,110	7,040	7,030	7,030	6,940	6,950	7,060	6,930	6,750
	14.3	13.1	13.1	13.1	12.7	14.0	11.7	11.4	14.9	13.4	12.3	15.2	10.3	14.0	12.8
Talladega	31,540	31,550	31,140	31,230	31,500	31,070	30,900	30,640	30,530	30,470	30,740	30,070	30,160	30,040	30,010
	17.2	15.8	16.9	18.1	18.8	16.6	13.8	13.2	14.0	13.7	13.8	11.9	11.3	11.0	10.3
Tallapoosa	16,690	17,300	17,010	17,120	17,060	17,080	17,170	17,100	17,410	17,520	17,240	17,200	17,200	17,340	17,260
	14.1	9.4	9.6	11.4	10.6	11.9	9.2	8.7	8.9	9.4	7.6	8.0	7.3	7.2	7.4
Tuscaloosa	58,310	58,150	58,670	57,840	58,050	58,900	59,340	59,200	57,890	58,090	58,630	59,410	60,220	60,780	60,790
	12.4	9.5	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.7	7.3	7.9	7.9	7.4	6.5	5.9	6.5	6.4	6.6
Walker	32,400	32,560	30,800	33,630	33,390	33,340	33,070	32,900	31,750	31,830	31,320	31,750	32,110	32,100	32,360
	16.1	13.3	16.3	14.9	14.1	12.4	9.2	9.0	8.5	7.2	8.3	8.4	7.8	8.3	
Washington	6,550	6,430	6,480	6,250	6,560	6,270	6,090	6,180	6,220	6,340	6,170	6,110	6,160	6,130	6,130
	20.0	18.1	19.4	17.8	15.9	17.0	13.0	13.5	15.3	17.2	14.2	12.9	12.5	13.2	14.9
Wilcox	5,870	5,480	5,190	6,070	5,470	5,210	5,280	5,370	5,180	5,230	5,080	5,230	5,330	5,280	5,170
	29.2	25.3	23.1	22.4	22.0	24.1	23.3	22.3	23.5	26.6	22.6	21.5	22.8	22.5	22.2
Winston	9,030	9,350	9,530	9,420	9,340	9,040	8,980	8,950	9,030	8,930	8,790	9,040	8,970	8,980	8,880
	18.7	15.6	24.4	25.6	23.4	19.3	16.7	15.0	17.8	17.9	15.2	22.5	20.3	21.5	22.4
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	583,156	596,362	60,623	54,440	72,686	78,539	74,562	74,933	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740	38,823		
Shipping weight (1,000,00 lb)	9,288	9,484	1,282	1,044	1,009	991	1,145	1,097	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606	852		
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	788,611	922,984	85,536	79,758	96,630	91,395	88,581	83,216	89,146	87,270	84,342	80,612	85,786		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lb)	9,296	21,911	1,998	1,201	2,398	2,361	1,891	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474	1,454		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile															
Coal, tons	18,519	16,736	1,262	1,161	1,393	1,528	1,682	1,479	1,479	1,224	2,695	1,372	3,109	3,126	3,344
Imports															
Value (metric tons)	2,275	14,497	1,311	2,206	2,400	1,132	1,647	733	2,230	2,452	2,554	2,615	1,914	1,776	2,295
Shipping weight (metric tons)	99,368	165,741	14,730	126,773	170,729	175,229	160,823	146,734	153,625	166,023	166,206	149,825	160,169		
Non-petroleum cargo															
Vessel arrivals	1,235	1,247	97	96	94	105	102	103	113	110	104	114	103	98	97
Vessel arrivals (gross tons)	11,595,000	11,747,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Petroleum cargo															
Vessel arrivals	1,013	1,003	84	84	80	111	109	114	129	119	121	120	102	277	
Vessel arrivals (gross tons)	9,000,000	9,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Coastwise, Mobile															
Receipts	1,291	1,276	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104
Receipts (gross tons)	9,000,000	9,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Shipments	1,291	1,276	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104
Shipments (gross tons)	9,000,000	9,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Internal waterways, Mobile															
Receipts	1,013	1,003	84	84	80	111	109	114	129	119	121	120	102	277	
Receipts (gross tons)	9,000,000	9,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Shipments	1,013	1,003	84	84	80	111	109	114	129	119	121	120	102	277	
Shipments (gross tons)	9,000,000	9,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Mineral fuels, oils, fats and gas	1,013	1,003	84	84	80	111	109	114	129	119	121	120	102	277	
Mineral manufactures	1,291	1,276	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104
Forest	291	273	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
Furniture, bedclothings, etc.	344	344	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44
Automotive	1,056	1,043	84	84	80	111	109	114	129	119	121	120	102	277	
Gasoline service stations	296	296	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Lumber and building materials	1,291	1,276	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104
Hardware and farm implements	427	427	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Eating places	1,291	1,276	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104
Drug stores	254	254	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
All other retail	2,162	2,145	176	157	163	164	186	186	181	191	183	190	158		
Total sales by retail concerns	15,741	15,590	1,213	1,154	1,196	1,200	1,474	1,442	1,404	1,471	1,399	1,363	1,198		
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	2,614	2,581	214	160	173	210	225	202	226	234	238	234	234	187	
Total all sales at retail	18,355	18,171	1,427	1,313	1,369	1,410	1,699	1,644	1,630	1,705	1,637	1,597	1,432		
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties ($1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston	587,895	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,603	45,738	45,528	49,249	46,235	44,497	40,749		
Birmingham	5,033,821	489,933	361,398	372,399	446,876	448,719	473,477	451,745	442,246	468,449	450,263	437,979	391,721		
Dothan	843,669	83,771	48,054	47,755	55,056	56,067	59,183	56,084	56,738	57,495	55,637	55,719	44,465		
Florence	612,940	64,720	45,370	42,568	52,528	54,740	55,609	54,509	54,220	56,416	53,545	51,744	48,170		
Gadsden	459,941	44,644	33,903	31,882	38,792	39,736	42,952	41,998	40,961	42,489	39,197	38,029	30,832		
Huntsville	1,049,552	108,591	78,927	76,406	92,394	96,418	101,014	96,619	98,534	104,214	97,590	94,467	85,252		
Mobile	2,100,894	203,964	158,053	149,407	179,120	183,708	191,013	195,200	191,252	190,041	180,097	180,525	141,705		
Montgomery	1,429,917	146,166	107,678	105,900	125,768	124,191	131,213	131,622	128,694	129,148	126,121	120,937	109,429		
Tuscaloosa	831,377	84,765	47,689	47,137	55,410	55,576	58,629	56,916	56,498	59,384	57,198	56,424	49,293		
Counties															
Autauga	96,703	9,257	7,472	7,395	8,866	9,055	9,467	8,623	9,284	9,778	8,376	8,757	7,438		
Baldwin	343,706	31,265	24,791	24,591	30,464	31,658	33,179	32,955	34,552	31,986	27,903	26,051	18,635		
Barbour	71,583	6,858	5,601	5,227	6,251	6,308	6,366	6,196	6,570	6,397	6,224	6,144	4,813		
Bibb	41,388	4,207	2,991	3,046	3,498	3,596	3,809	3,751	3,537	3,823	3,907	3,673	3,026		
Blount	89,053	8,581	6,934	6,793	8,052	8,189	9,006	8,905	8,265	8,985	9,009	8,494	6,897		
Bullock	26,077	2,882	2,142	2,085	2,177	2,016	2,091	2,096	2,012	2,006	2,032	2,025	1,672		
Butler	65,570	5,959	5,091	4,607	5,474	5,246	5,642	5,179	5,159	5,213	5,165	5,101	4,508		
Calhoun	507,895	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,603	45,738	45,528	49,249	46,235	44,497	40,749		
Chambers	107,006	9,895	8,248	7,543	9,071	8,952	9,716	9,214	9,486	9,283	8,997	8,964	7,956		
Cherokee	47,907	4,407	3,761	3,422	4,133	4,653	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,236	4,450	4,354	3,111		
Chilton	99,875	10,206	7,553	7,802	9,414	9,381	9,836	9,140	8,899	9,562	9,070	8,908	8,419		
Choctaw	36,637	3,566	3,116	2,761	3,168	3,121	3,206	3,238	3,170	3,549	3,122	3,268	2,511		
Clarke	98,651	10,078	7,890	7,378	8,773	9,011	9,468	9,453	9,023	9,217	8,927	8,162	7,291		
Clay	26,368	2,529	2,010	1,939	2,145	2,255	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,402	2,216	2,214	1,528		
Cleburne	22,200	1,691	1,505	1,381	1,929	2,304	2,142	2,563	2,187	1,932	2,203	1,956	1,447		
Coffee	186,107	17,770	13,736	13,686	16,268	16,331	16,421	15,643	16,565	16,669	16,596	15,148	13,151		

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984	1985											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert		249,984	23,870	17,424	17,180	21,211	21,965	21,924	21,518	21,704	22,142	20,856	19,843	17,145	
Conecuh		37,533	3,633	2,746	2,682	3,251	2,992	3,239	3,118	3,052	3,237	2,887	2,822	2,839	
Coosa		8,932	899	784	770	807	798	877	914	875	853	773	948	659	
Covington		137,578	13,091	9,836	9,774	11,406	11,659	12,391	12,095	11,930	12,472	11,546	10,592	7,811	
Crenshaw		30,988	3,160	2,540	2,513	2,983	3,015	2,910	3,269	3,176	2,916	3,132	2,784	2,110	
Cullman		237,638	23,445	16,838	16,261	21,565	21,542	22,681	22,282	21,488	23,107	21,000	20,625	16,902	
Dale		104,914	10,688	7,839	8,096	9,746	9,852	9,991	9,970	9,609	9,810	9,437	9,027	7,390	
Dallas		199,200	19,683	15,424	14,214	17,042	17,820	18,337	17,796	17,567	18,571	17,017	16,221	13,992	
DeKalb		180,388	17,568	12,341	11,474	15,327	15,933	16,935	17,224	15,754	17,357	16,031	18,965	12,239	
Elmore		102,081	9,851	7,672	7,865	9,306	9,499	9,477	9,596	9,339	9,632	9,425	8,334	7,121	
Escambia		141,761	14,710	10,556	10,415	11,979	12,681	13,122	12,931	12,201	11,595	11,158	11,195	9,531	
Etowah		459,941	44,644	33,403	31,462	38,752	39,738	42,982	41,998	40,961	42,489	39,197	38,029	30,832	
Fayette		64,918	6,390	4,372	4,575	5,231	5,214	5,427	5,876	5,769	5,669	5,653	5,351	4,200	
Franklin		99,529	9,791	7,815	7,156	13,250	8,470	8,618	8,706	7,885	8,721	8,048	7,703	7,067	
Geneva		144,826	13,673	11,379	11,286	12,082	12,236	12,694	12,515	12,394	12,329	11,935	11,916	10,800	
Greene		18,310	1,481	1,232	1,117	1,374	1,481	1,475	1,459	1,478	1,554	1,485	1,312	1,027	
Hale		31,290	2,713	2,497	2,190	2,692	2,723	3,027	2,761	2,720	2,782	2,747	2,601	2,153	
Henry		35,727	3,684	3,330	2,853	3,001	3,192	3,068	3,215	3,116	3,488	3,342	3,047	2,124	
Houston		538,765	53,083	40,215	39,659	46,310	46,215	49,192	46,114	47,129	47,685	46,200	46,692	37,075	
Jackson		136,606	13,532	10,301	10,328	12,781	12,611	13,451	12,981	12,101	12,934	12,502	11,349	9,495	
Jefferson		4,278,971	420,768	327,156	316,624	377,978	378,455	397,399	378,111	370,607	393,199	380,602	370,342	332,730	
Lamar		37,982	3,282	2,803	2,453	3,255	3,212	3,298	3,672	3,217	3,330	2,832	3,042	2,484	
Lauderdale		362,963	40,850	27,946	25,379	31,317	32,775	33,685	32,991	32,516	34,274	32,689	31,901	31,025	
Lawrence		51,755	5,269	3,842	3,745	4,569	4,684	5,088	4,605	4,607	5,123	4,676	4,534	4,376	
Lee		346,954	34,909	25,274	24,557	29,951	30,509	32,298	31,553	29,476	32,981	33,094	30,234	29,995	
Limestone		161,477	15,810	12,216	12,240	14,795	15,123	15,756	14,585	14,717	16,252	15,054	14,213	11,276	
Lowndes		16,854	1,773	1,428	1,573	1,768	1,613	1,840	1,959	1,822	1,869	1,984	1,715	1,445	
Macon		45,136	3,989	3,680	2,940	3,448	3,639	3,705	3,647	3,711	4,049	4,082	3,911	2,913	
Madison		1,049,542	108,991	74,977	76,406	90,798	96,458	101,014	96,619	98,534	104,214	97,590	94,467	85,252	
Marengo		69,350	7,236	6,108	5,513	6,243	6,525	6,815	5,820	5,915	6,510	6,169	5,959	5,660	
Marion		96,117	10,053	7,627	6,620	8,437	8,664	9,285	9,009	8,604	9,043	8,728	8,307	7,231	
Marshall		339,443	33,463	25,122	24,668	31,308	32,866	34,684	33,447	33,776	34,822	31,968	29,983	28,352	
Mobile		1,757,144	172,699	133,262	124,816	148,656	152,050	157,934	162,245	156,700	158,055	152,194	154,474	123,070	
Monroe		102,602	10,934	6,099	6,070	8,450	7,895	8,402	8,463	8,285	10,408	9,221	9,323	10,024	
Montgomery		1,231,233	127,058	92,534	90,740	107,596	105,637	112,269	113,203	110,071	109,738	108,620	103,846	94,870	
Morgan		452,408	47,175	33,723	33,052	40,753	43,786	45,880	43,558	43,444	46,491	44,996	43,619	39,178	
Perry		25,165	2,165	1,763	1,785	2,099	2,087	2,108	2,079	2,037	2,000	1,988	1,874	1,592	
Pickens		41,346	3,777	2,796	2,870	3,507	3,683	3,872	3,895	3,600	3,900	3,456	3,283	2,393	
Pike		40,766	4,022	3,434	3,627	3,741	3,677	3,760	3,621	3,832	3,962	3,749	3,472	3,406	
Randolph		57,911	5,356	4,444	4,488	4,942	4,770	4,778	4,871	4,463	4,619	4,710	4,655	4,019	
Russell		121,519	11,826	9,102	8,699	10,240	11,359	11,243	10,417	10,411	9,744	9,521	10,332	7,726	
St. Clair		121,089	10,821	9,036	9,349	11,664	11,848	12,875	12,987	11,553	12,659	11,239	11,018	8,350	
Shelby		253,358	21,848	21,142	18,077	23,107	23,064	24,196	23,615	23,974	24,194	22,165	22,154	19,809	
Sumter		30,989	3,107	2,488	2,258	2,567	2,709	2,605	2,541	2,322	2,393	2,335	2,404	2,332	
Talladega		240,169	23,881	18,175	17,342	20,425	21,411	24,626	22,264	22,947	21,564	21,117	20,659	17,315	
Tallapoosa		127,481	11,807	9,925	8,760	10,598	11,153	12,391	12,114	10,983	11,879	10,682	10,634	10,138	
Tuscaloosa		431,377	44,765	47,689	47,137	55,410	55,576	58,629	56,916	56,498	59,384	57,198	56,424	49,293	
Walker		291,366	28,515	23,126	21,552	26,075	27,163	30,502	28,127	27,647	29,412	27,248	25,971	23,935	
Washington		21,666	1,786	1,496	1,587	1,697	1,743	1,992	1,656	1,942	1,696	1,976	1,636	1,008	
Wilcox		27,999	2,605	2,116	2,048	2,292	2,140	2,263	2,114	2,133	2,263	1,908	1,883	1,713	
Winston		71,301	6,691	5,540	5,134	6,752	6,585	6,941	6,829	6,643	7,212	6,708	6,654	5,623	
Statewide		974,246	107,287	79,707	65,082	93,513	81,434	83,493	90,959	85,441	93,175	89,529	91,655	77,730	
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	1,079,086	1,258,032	105,199	60,281	65,750	123,177	148,071	116,575	94,168	108,400	119,196	102,688	113,685	96,748	68,900
Residential	449,681	438,383	20,674	25,969	28,712	45,287	52,029	51,647	42,896	40,234	39,678	47,802	40,909	41,140	31,629
Nonresidential	366,127	586,743	66,040	21,592	26,887	60,384	41,663	43,334	37,414	49,934	59,520	35,358	51,625	39,720	23,444
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	8,848	5,869	613	659	627	626	644	758	763	879	848	812	774	600	618
Residential	3,593	3,930	263	258	272	384	329	330	331	299	299	299	257	192	257
Nonresidential	932	1,213	76	111	73	96	110	103	95	104	104	104	97	97	97
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	213,343	104,141	13,305	5,535	11,188	14,506	10,021	33,770	8,956	14,621	29,355	8,486	17,571	17,607	3,041
Residential	31,921	15,598	802	773	1,241	1,301	1,615	6,605	4,665	2,706	2,412	1,776	944	568	624
Nonresidential	108,370	25,706	5,114	2,057	2,717	8,497	8,406	21,476	4,097	8,118	21,052	3,652	10,479	15,128	1,138
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	14,095	18,028	1,476	1,444	1,133	1,939	2,051	1,895	1,621	2,059	1,965	2,368	2,255	1,443	1,188
Residential	7,340	11,596	897	814	570	1,138	1,189	906	700	882	816	894	904	599	580
Nonresidential	2,156	2,744	249	283	226	398	402	760	680	513	539	864	1,075	592	432
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	18,943	17,520	1,458	967	886	830	2,986	1,484	8,242	2,347	1,196	7,230	6,904	843	1,724
Residential	7,760	6,718	203	324	432	199	556	703	364	644	620	323	427	527	489
Nonresidential	6,339	5,478	483	58	118	46	2,098	597	7,714	1,562	278	6,132	5,938	13	635
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	13,596	9,310	215	123	288	964	241	834	729	729	2,719	1,113	256	671	401
Residential	2,006	2,129		56	103	462		126	303	12	97	187	47	90	19
Nonresidential	3,912	5,826	158	40	141	474	144	50	290	58	1,183	676	37	177	51
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	122,759	147,927	19,407	6,178	6,268	24,795	15,973	13,031	7,737	20,212	10,313	21,977	13,404	6,747	10,243
Residential	51,350	55,064	1,593	2,863	1,440	3,194	2,683	5,377	2,233	3,555	2,415	9,861	6,569	1,871	1,349
Nonresidential	45,128	73,370	15,945	2,668	2,755	18,064	11,107	5,444	3,647	14,893	6,506	10,682	4,445	2,831	5,752
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	109,508	254,605	31,156	7,730	4,770	6,893	5,991	8,130	7,774	6,815	14,219	6,317	6,730	8,825	3,410
Residential	38,261	26,314	1,065	1,478	1,738	1,234	1,372	2,927	1,619	1,212	1,175	987	1,114	1,503	1,016
Nonresidential	49,663	197,690	28,688	5,120	2,165	4,458	3,185	2,775	4,835	4,213	11,741	4,211	3,812	5,675	1,214

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984	1985											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	76,984	94,862	6,049	6,554	6,027	8,624	9,126	8,163	7,901	9,350	9,208	7,393	9,275	6,986	7,935
Residential	32,619	35,697	2,557	2,140	3,036	3,836	4,096	4,356	4,009	3,663	3,419	3,229	3,675	3,234	3,609
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	2,843	3,750	2,321	3,960	4,060	3,001	3,054	4,567	4,725	3,182	4,304	3,001	3,644
Quad-Cities															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	12,978	39,267	12,947	691	532	1,416	2,138	1,707	2,024	1,339	2,069	1,590	1,834	1,754	884
Residential	6,391	7,172	126	351	177	704	606	328	578	592	782	696	874	486	273
Nonresidential	3,500	23,675	12,150	48	51	379	442	384	453	186	570	306	98	730	165
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	312	36	109	144	73	237	69						
Residential	357	643		36	109	144	73	237	69						
Nonresidential	798	5,908	167												
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	30,199	34,459	3,739	1,420	1,966	3,678	8,403	5,601	3,169	3,135	2,557	3,968	3,978	2,040	4,297
Residential	14,849	15,717	1,218	693	4,726	2,792	6,126	1,901	1,335	2,207	919	4,413	943	1,015	1,040
Nonresidential	6,227	10,707	2,029	100	2,933	493	976	2,896	466	324	361	502	2,309	268	2,433

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of actually data.
Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late reporters in annual data.
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End-of-month balance.
Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index (previously "All Urban Consumers" and "All Wage Earners and Clerical Workers") historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.
These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.
Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted for place of residence and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.
Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.
Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.
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Retail sales data represent sales of retail which are subject to sales tax as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail purchases by end users of retail goods and services (excluding motor fuel sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.
Represents permits issued by selected central building codes. Private construction only. Most low rent units estimated by the Bureau of the Census. Reported value includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.
Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

New Population Projections To 2010

Preparations are currently under way for a new set of population projections for Alabama counties to the year 2010. The new projections will update and extend the previous set of state population projections which currently project county level population to the year 1990.

The new set of projections will be produced through a cohort component technique which is using a common factor, such as age, to group a population. The technique will use the three demographic variables of births, deaths and migration—the movement of people in and out of the selected area. Current plans are for age, race and sex specific projections of five year age groupings for all Alabama counties, and will extend from 1980 to the year 2010 in five year intervals.

Work on the new set of population projections is expected to be completed by late summer 1986 with publication sometime in the last quarter of 1986. An announcement will be made in ALABAMA BUSINESS. Persons interested in commenting on the current set of projections, or offering suggestions for those being planned are encouraged to write to:

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The Economy in Perspective:

Focus on Limestone County

Limestone County is located in Northwest Alabama bordered by the Alabama counties of Lauderdale, Lawrence, Morgan and Madison; Tennessee is to the north. Limestone County's largest city is Athens with a population of 14,889 as of July 1984. Athens has 31.4 percent of the county's population but the largest portion of the population, 30,183 or 63.7 percent, lives outside of any city limit. Limestone County has four other cities with an individual population of less than 1,500 each. Between 1980 and 1984 the population of Limestone County grew from 46,005 to 47,300, an increase of 2.8 percent. The county's population is expected to reach 48,000 during 1986, and 50,000 in 1995.

People in Limestone County are more likely to be white and live in rural areas, but are less likely to be college graduates than the state average. Eighty-five percent of the population is white (compared to 73.8 percent for the state), 14.3 percent black and less than one percent American Indian, Asian and other races. The percentage of people in Limestone County who live in rural areas (68.4 percent) is much larger than the percentage of the state (40 percent).

The educational attainment level for persons in Limestone County is lower than that for the state but the difference is very slight. Of the people 25 years and older in Limestone County, 30.3 percent have no more than an elementary school education, 19.0 percent attended high school but did not finish, and another 31.8 percent have a high school education. Ten percent attended college but did not finish and 8.7 percent have a college degree.

Fifty-six percent of the people in the county are between the ages of 19 and 64, the age group generally considered to be the working age population. Almost one fourth of the county's total population is school age, ages 5 through 18. Infants, toddlers and preschoolers make up 8.9 percent of the county's population and the remaining 10.6 percent are 65 years old and older.

Total employment in Limestone County is 18,341. Employment is divided into two main categories: proprietors, persons who work for themselves, and wage and salary employees, persons who work for someone else. Proprietors make up 16.5 percent of total employment in the county. Further breakdown shows farm proprietors make up 59.8 percent of proprietors and nonfarm proprietors comprise 40.2 percent. This is almost exactly opposite of state figures which show farm proprietors to be 40 percent and nonfarm proprietors to be 60 percent of proprietors.

Wage and salary employment in Limestone County is the largest sector of total employment. Government is the county's largest employer with 36.8 percent of wage and salary employment, followed by manufacturing, retail trade, and services.

The civilian labor force in Limestone County reached 27,040 persons in 1985 with 1,930 unemployed. The county's annual unemployment rate for 1985 of 7.1 percent was lower than the state rate and even the national rate. The 1985 unemployment rate was also the county's lowest annual rate since 1978. This rate showed a major decrease in unemployment since 1983 when the rate was 14.1 percent. However, early 1986 indicators have shown slight increases in the county's unemployment.

In 1980, per capita income for the county was $6,817. By 1983 it had grown to $8,541, which was slightly below the state average, but only 73 percent of the national average. The largest source of income for the county's population is government followed by manufacturing, as might be assumed because government and manufacturing are the two largest employers.

Most of the workers who live in Limestone County work there and most of the employment is concentrated in Athens. This is to be expected considering the county's largest manufacturing employers are located in Athens. Some of these are General Motors Corporation, making parts for cars; Country Skillet Poultry Company, processing poultry; Steelcase, Inc., making modular office furniture; Eaton/Cutler-Hammer Products, making thermostats; and Athens Lingerie Corporation, making women's lingerie.

Approximately one quarter of the Limestone County labor force works outside of the county. Most commuters drive to Decatur, Huntsville or elsewhere in Madison County.

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